

## Enter to Worship/Depart to Serve Sunday, September 14. 2025

## VINTAGE VIBES

The "Jesus Before Christianity"

Luke 4:16-21 (NLT) "He went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah, the prophet, was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found where this was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come." He rolled up the scroll, returned it to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled today!"

Tim Keller defines biblical justice as treating everyone equitably, addressing unfairness, and promoting well-being and security.

Justice involves repairing wrongs and fostering right relationships with God and others, emphasizing the social aspect of a righteous life.

8 Ideas Regarding Enter To Worship/Depart To Serve:

Jesus, before Christianity, made other people's problems His problems. It is not convenient or easy. I am called to do the same.

Consider the cost and value of taking risks. Remember that the work won't always yield the results I hope to see, but I must still do the job.

I must not force an agenda on people; I must approach them respectfully by asking them questions, listening to them, observing them, and paying attention to their needs. Rather than offering a prepackaged response, ask God to guide me to respond in ways that best fit each situation.

People are motivated not by abstract ideas, but by individuals whose actions show genuine care and whose words carry profound meaning.

Authentic Christian discipleship means guiding others away from racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, inequality, indifference, and apathy. I commit to working in unity with those who are different from me but share the same goals.

I must connect with marginalized individuals who face unfairness. Be attentive to the opportunities God provides for me to assist those whom society often overlooks and considers unimportant.

Whenever I do what God has led me, the hope I bring to others is invaluable. I am confident that the victories (big or small) will always outweigh our defeats when we work for God.

The example of Jesus calls me to create space in my life to make a difference in the world. I must free up time, money, and emotional energy to take on the service assignments God brings me.

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